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Donna Shalala, Secretary U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Ave. SW Washington DC 20201

Re: Labeling of Irradiated Foods

Dear Secretary Shalala,

It seems like we are in a new era of attempts by our governmental regulatory agencies in conjunction with Big Business to erode the <u>consumer's right to know</u> what is in our food.

Irradiated food should contain clear, permanent and honest labeling.

Food products undergo known chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. To claim these changes are innocuous is to fly in the face of logic.

Your department has tried before to get irradiated foods past labeling laws (with the proposed organic standards regulations) and now they are trying again. Shame!

I hope that you will defend the <u>consumer's right to know</u> in this important decision-making process.

Sincerely,

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